Promotion of the clerk doing duty at Bhakthivilas.

145. *Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one of the Higher Grade clerks doing duty in Bhakthivilas is proposed to be or has been appointed as a permanent clerk on Rs. 75—100 in the Secretariat ignoring the claims of several of his seniors in the same office; and

(*b*) if so, how many such seniors were or are going to be ignored?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) this does not arise.

Toll-gate at Karakkonam.

146 *Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a toll-gate has been recently put up at Karakkonam, Kunnathukal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara; and

(*b*) where this toll-gate was before this?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The gate was at the junction of Nedumangad—Shorlacode road and Parassala—Panachamood road.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: What is the reason for this shift of the toll-gate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: To catch the timber traffic.

Mr. N. K Padmanabha Pillai: Have the toll collections increased?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: We do not keep a record of collections.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is the gate located in the malaria-stricken area?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Not strictly; there is malaria in the district; you cannot rightly call it a malaria-stricken area.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it a fact that the people in that area are experiencing great difficulty in getting foodstuffs on account of this toll-gate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it not located in a by-road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It is on a by-road.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are not toll-gates usually located on main roads? [C.I.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes; but sub-gates are usually located on by-roads.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What was the special reason for the shifting of the toll-gate?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: To catch the heavy timber traffic there.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Had not the department any knowledge of the heavy timber traffic when the gate was first established in its former locality?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It was only afterwards that it was discovered that, to evade the toll, all the heavy timber traffic was being diverted along this by-road.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Have they now caught the timber traffic?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Has the collection increased now?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The department does not collect the toll; it is the contractor that does it.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Then, how was the member able to say that the timber traffic has been caught?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The timber traffic has to pass along this road.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Has the shift resulted in any increase in Government revenue?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I claim notice.

Vallikkavu—Vavvakkavu road.

147 * **Mr. A. N. Visvanatha Pillai** (*Quilon cum Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the inhabitants of Kulasekharapuram pakuthi in Karunagapalli taluk have been agitating for a long time for a road connecting the Vallikkavu market with the Quilon—Alleppey road at Vavvakkavu at the 19th mile:

(*b*) whether the Executive Engineer had inspected the spot;

(*c*) if so, what his report is;

(*d*) whether an estimate has been called for; and

(*e*) if so, what that amount is?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Division Officer reported that the people had done some work in the way of a little scrapping up of sandy earth and formed low embankments across paddy fields and set back fences in some places.

(*d*) He has called on the Sub-Division Officer to prepare an estimate after the people have completed the necessary works and handed over 22' width of lands for the road as per the conditions of the Ryots' Road Rules;

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